

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

DARRELL KENT,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE SPECIAL
COMMITMENT CENTER CHIEF
MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DR. LESLIE
SZIEBERT; WASHINGTON STATE
SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER,
GALINA DIXON, ARNP, and JOHN
DOES 1-25 and JANE DOES 1-25,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:15-CV-05553-BHS-DWC

ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO
PROVIDE COURT WITH
ADDRESSES

Plaintiff, a Washington State civilly-committed detainee proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 on August 6, 2015. Dkt. 1. On November 27, 2015, Plaintiff filed a Motion requesting the Court serve a summons and a copy of his complaint on Defendant Galina Dixon, ARNP. Dkt. 13. However, Plaintiff also names John Does 1-25 and Jane Does 1-25 (“Doe defendants”) as defendants in this action. The use of “John Doe” to identify a defendant is not favored. *Gillespie v. Civiletti*, 629 F.2d 637, 642 (9th Cir. 1980).

1 Although a plaintiff may be given an opportunity after filing a lawsuit to discover the identity of
2 unknown defendants through discovery, the use of Doe defendants is problematic because those
3 persons cannot be served with process until they are identified by their real names.¹

4 Plaintiff is ordered to provide the names and addresses of the Doe defendants within 30
5 days of the date of this order. If Plaintiff is unable to provide the Court with names and addresses
6 of the Doe defendants in that timeframe, the Court will recommend dismissal of the Doe
7 defendants from the case without prejudice.

8 Dated this 14th day of December, 2015.

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11 David W. Christel
12 United States Magistrate Judge
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22 ¹ Also, though Plaintiff lists the Doe defendants in the case caption, they are otherwise
23 unmentioned in the complaint or named in Plaintiff's causes of action. If Plaintiff is able to
24 identify additional defendants and claims through discovery, he may be allowed to amend his
complaint to add those defendants and claims at that time.